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MANILA -(DJ)--AN AIRCRAFT STRAFED THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE FRIDAY, AS LOYAL TROOPS BATTLED MUTINEERS WHO SEIZED AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND TWO BROADCAST STATIONS.

MILITARY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL RENATO DE VILLA EARLIER HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REBELS HAD SEIZED VILLAMOR AIR BASE, HEADQUARTERS OF THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE, THE GOVERNMENT BROADCAST CENTER, A PRIVATE TELEVISION STATION AND THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

ABOUT 6:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME, A T-28 AIRCRAFT FIRED TWICE AT MALACANANG PALACE, THE PHILIPPINE WHITE HOUSE. PRESIDENTIAL GUARDS ON THE GROUND RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS.

MEANWHILE, PRO-GOVERNMENT TROOPS OPENED FIRE WITH RECOILLESS RIFLES ON REBELS NEAR THE STATE BROADCAST. REBELS, WHO BLOCKED THE ROAD WITH TRUCKS, RETURNED THE FIRE BUT THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

SCATTERED SHOOTING ALSO ERUPTED AT VILLAMOR, LOCATED NEAR THE CITY'S AIRPORT. TROOPS SEALED OFF SEVERAL MAJOR AVENUES IN THE CAPITAL.

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